

Monday: 07/12/20

Genesis 12:3, Acts 3:25–26

The nations will be blessed through Abraham:

When we study the connections between the Old Testament and the New Testament we learn of the unique fulfilment of many prophecies.

The connection here is the continuation of the blessings as promised to Abraham and for all his offspring and generations to follow him. As he is told that through him all will find a blessing.

We now understand this blessing to be through Jesus the Christ. How through God's only Son we are each able to be included as Children of God of the eternal Father and Creator.

Lord, bless all nations that love your Son, Jesus.

Tuesday: 08/12/20

Genesis 17:19, Romans 9:7

God's covenant with Isaac's ancestors:

We know of the blessing given to Abraham. Here we are here told that it is through the covenant that God made with Isaac, that they will be Gods reckoned as God's chosen people.

Paul explains that not all of Abraham's children are deemed as chosen. We see there is a deep spiritual aspect of our relationship with God. One that is more important than biology. Paul made reference to Genesis 21:12. Where God tells Abraham it will be through Isaac. For Christians, this verse has become inclusive for us through our faith. In Jesus the Christ.

Through our faith we are counted as heirs of God.

Wednesday: 09/12/20

2 Samuel 7:12–13, Matthew 1:1

David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom:

We are shown a lineage. One that tracers the birth of Jesus the Christ back to David and further back to Abraham. Lineage is not just important to the Jewish culture and faith. It is also very important for all Christians as they can see the hand of God in all things and in all generations.

Through the lineage we can view the unfolding of God's plan for the Salvation of the world. The way in which God's plans have spanned the history. A plan and structure that still defies man's understanding.

The Old and New testaments speak of the ongoing love and patience of God for us all.

In awe and wonder we reflect on God's plans.

Thursday: 10/12/20

Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35

A virgin will give birth, he'll be called Immanuel:

The prophesy of this amazing birth is foretold in of the book Isaiah. Than later in the book of Luke it is magnified. Our Saviour is the true and only begotten Son of God our Father. Fittingly born of a Virgin and made manifest in the flesh. To fully and completely understand the challenges of humanity. Yet able to come through it all sinless.

Mary was truly blessed to be the vessel that bore us our salvation. The Bible tells us that Martha told her she would be called so. All though we do not value Mary in the same way we do the Lord, we do see the part she played in the birth of Jesus the Christ.

We respect the memory of Mary and follow the Lord.

Friday: 11/12/20

Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:14–15

The Messiah will end up in Egypt:

Out of Egypt the Messiah will be called. The prophesy tells us this in the book of Hosea. The reason why he would be in Egypt is explained to us through the New Testament. That through a warning they escaped Herod's plan to kill the baby Jesus.

This link is yet another revelation of the unique importance to study the New Testament with the Old Testament. The way in which we can see the fulfilment of the prophecies of the Old revealed through the New. Spending too much time on one and not the other easily creates a weak sense of our spiritual and theological awareness of God.

In God we can find our refuge at all times.

Saturday: 12/12/20**Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:4–6**

The Christ will be born in Bethlehem:

This last reflection will help lead us towards the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. We celebrate the birth on the 25th of December. And we are familiar with the journey Joseph and Mary make to Bethlehem to be counted in the census.

So the special aspect of this fulfilment is unique in that it adds to the beauty of our own Biblical journeys and the depth of our knowledge of the Lord. We can see clearly it was no coincident or chance occurrence; but that even the place was predestined by God for the birth of his Son.

In Bethlehem our Lord and Saviour is born.

A Pilgrims Prayer



Sovereign God.
My Father, my Friend.

Your name and Grace,
are worthy of praise.

Your love is the wellspring,
of my hearts song.

Your precious blood is the
salvation of my soul.

I will honour you all the days
of my life.

I will testify of your love for
me wherever I go.

Guide my hands, for I am blind.

Guide my feet, for I am weak.

Guide my tongue, for I am feeble.

Take my life, an instrument
in you loving hands.

MJ Flack

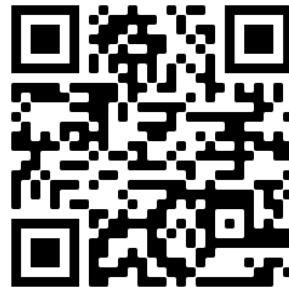
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